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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust suit. As a California resident I completely support the efforts of the California Attorney General to press ahead with antitrust suit in the face of a stunning retreat from victory by the US DOJ. Microsoft's antitrust violations are well documented in the Findings of Fact, and the proposed settlement is little more than a slap on the wrist that allows Microsoft to keep its ill-gotten gains and is full of loopholes that allow them to illegally maintain their monopoly.

Specifically I would like to point out a flaw in Sections III.D and III.E which relate to disclosure of APIs and communications protocols "to ISVs, IHVs, IAPs, ICPs, and OEMs". This complete fails to consider that much of the software that powers the Internet and one of the biggest competitors to Microsoft is free software written by individuals, non-profit foundations and government research laboratories. Apache, Samba, and BIND are three examples of such free software that need to interoperate with Microsoft and would be denied access to APIs and communications protocols under the settlement.

I urge you to reject the settlement and seek stronger remedies.

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